



OCCASIONAL WIFE

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SYNOPSIS

Camilla Hoyt and Peter Arson, young and in love, marry secretly, deciding to live their own lives apart until Peter is able to provide for her. Peter is a young, struggling sculptor trying to win a competition for a sculpture which will be the adoption daughter of a wealthy family. She is not to inherit money when she comes of age and so is studying commercial art in the hope of landing an agency job. Others in the story are Avis Werth, a wealthy girl who wants to win Peter; Sybil Todd, Peter's model, and Gus Matson, his former room-mate with whom he has quarreled. At a party at an exclusive club Peter entertains Camilla's guests with impersonations. When he receives a summons from the city to go to a artist to continue the gaiety, Peter and Camilla slip off to the beach by themselves and fall asleep on the sand. When they awake it is early morning and Avis and others are standing around them. This makes it necessary for Camilla to announce before the party that she and Peter are married. Avis is stunned and Camilla's mother likewise. (Now Go On With The Story.)

CHAPTER XXVII.

Camilla's unshaken faith in Peter and her quiet resignation to any opinion or ultimatum had mollified Mrs. Hoyt, somewhat. She did not disown her as a daughter or command her to leave the Hoyt household, but Camilla decided for herself that it would be the wiser course. She consulted with Rose about renting a small apartment at once.

"I have enough to live on for a few weeks, and I'll surely find work soon," she explained. She had met Rose downtown for the lunch hour and they were facing each other across a little onyx-topped table in a tearoom, when she told Rose about her marriage to Peter.

"So you're married!" Rose had reproached her. "That's no way to go into business—or marriage, either. You don't know what you are or what you want. Gee! kid, if I had your chance to be somebody—talent like you've got and a swell education—I wouldn't look at a man."

"As soon as I get work, Rose, I'll help you to go to night school for that secretarial course." Camilla promised generally.

"That's what I want, all right. And you won't see me hitching up to drag a truck after me, just when I get in form, either. Single harness for me."

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nd a light, fancy load behind that is mostly myself."

"You will forget all those resolutions if you ever fall in love, Rose," Camilla smiled kindly, with her own wisdom.

Rose waved the suggestion aside with a flourish of her fork. "I don't believe in that kind of love anymore than I believe there's a Santa Claus. But say, why do you want to live with me, now? Why don't you go and live with your husband, now that the secret is out?"

"Whether or not it's a secret, has nothing to do with that. Peter and I agreed to live apart until he is able to take care of me. That may be a long time yet."

"That's goofy, I'll say. Why wouldn't it be better for you to shuffle your incomes and go fifty-fifty? Plenty of couples do that and manage to get along."

"And plenty of them don't. No, Rose, when a girl gives her best to her work for a salary and tries to keep house, she has to let down on one of them. Naturally, it's the housekeeping. As a wife, she fails; or at least, home becomes so unpleasant that the man and woman get to thinking it is each other they hate. No, under Peter can take care of me, what he sees of me will be my best. We shall only be together for pleasure, just as if we were lovers. That way, we always shall be lovers, and our happiness will be saved for the future."

"Oh, I see," laughed Rose, "you prefer being an occasional wife—something like those occasional chairs and tables they advertise to have around the house for extra use. They're there, ready to be used whenever they're needed. Handy that, all right."

For an instant, Camilla resented her sister's comparison, then she laughed, also. "Put it that way if you wish. I'll add to the metaphor. The occasional chair is not used so much as the old armchair and it sits never looking and is treated with more respect. It is the guest chair. That is what I shall be to Peter—his guest-wife."

"Well, it's all right to be a guest and sit in a bright new occasional chair for an evening, but you sure do like to get home again and slouch down in the old armchair that knows every crook and turn of your disposition, even if it is worn to threads on the arms where yours have rested when you're tired."

Camilla was delighted with Rose's sudden burst of drivel philosophy. How wise she was, in spite of her limited education and training. She would make a shrewd business woman without a doubt, and Camilla resolved that she would sacrifice if necessary, to assure her more training for the position of which she was capable.

"Peter isn't going to be much concerned with comfy armchairs or wives, either, for awhile," she continued. "Right now, he is so busy that he scarcely knows he has a wife. And that's what I'll have to do, get work. I'll have to worry harder, and perhaps just take any kind of work to get started. Happen to know of anything at all I could do?"

"Not a thing. If I weren't the only one in the office, I'd be afraid of my own job. Wherever two people are working at the same thing, there's a possibility of elimination these days. You should be glad you have it easy, and forget about hunting for a job that some other girl needs."

"There's nothing fair about that idea. Anyone who has enough ambition and ability to work, has a right to. And I want to leave the Hoyts right away. I want to start being independent, and I'll promise not to be a burden to you. Can't we look for a place on Saturday? Rents are lower now, and I've been noticing the food prices. It won't cost you any more than living at home and you've been wanting to leave. Ed and Henry can take care of the rest all right, and you know Ma told you to do as you wished."

"Oh, sure, I do want to get away, and live more like you do, Camilla. I was only thinking about you. I'm afraid you won't like it, after being used to having everything so grand."

"You just imagine it's grand, honey. You wouldn't think so if you could trade places."

"Well, I wish I could for awhile—that's all. I wouldn't be looking for trouble as you do. All right, then, I'll be seeing you on Saturday. If you have time, you might look around. If you see anything you like, it'll be okay with me. You know you with nothing and me with eighteen weeks, she shrugged."

Peter looked up from his work to discover Gus Matson standing in the as well as I do what we can afford

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3 Northern.....	30
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Feed.....	21

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3 C. W.....	13
Feed.....	12

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VERIFICATION OF CASH ON HAND AT DEC. 31, 1933
Cash on hand as per Cash Statement at Dec. 31, 1933 \$158.04
Less cash deposited in bank between Dec. 31, 1933
and date of this Audit 57.85
Cash on hand counted by me at date of Audit 100.19

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the accounts of the village of Chinook, Alberta for the year ending December 31, 1933, and have compared the said accounts with their relative vouchers and certify that in my opinion the foregoing financial statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the Village according to the best of my information, the explanations given to me, and as shown by the records, subject to any qualifications mentioned in Auditor's Special Report herewith.

The statistical information contained herein was obtained from the books and records of the Village, or from information supplied by officials of the Village.

Dated at Chinook this 16th day of January, 1934.

Margaret Chapman, Auditor
Chinook, Alberta

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT For The Year Ending Dec. 31, 1933, For The Village of Chinook, Alberta

Receipts

Balances Dec. 31, 1932

Municipal Acc't, in bank	\$1170 30
cash on hand	\$153 91
Supplementary revenue tax trust acc't, cash	
on hand	\$26 02
School tax trust acc't, cash on hand	\$86 62
	\$1,436 85
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Receipts on Account Municipal Taxation

Municipal taxes & costs	\$903 29
Business taxes \$307 12	1,210 41
	1,210 41

Advances and Charges Repaid

Aid and relief	103 32
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Municipal Revenue other than Taxes

Rentals	12 00
Commissions—Supplementary revenue	\$2 05
School arrears	
\$4 85	6 90
	18 90

Sundry Receipts

Sale of old sidewalk	4 00
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Trust Taxes Received

Supp. revenue \$18 00 School arrears (less com'n) \$6 23	24 23
	24 23

Outstanding Cheques or Overdraft, December 31, 1933

Municipal 116 85. Supp. revenue 2 69. School 6 23	125 77
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TOTAL	\$2,923 48
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Assets

Balances December 31, 1933

Bank bal. Dec. 31, 1933 (municipal)	1,267 46
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1933 (mun)	158 04
	1,425 50

Municipal Taxes

Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1933—	
Mun \$10,223 86. Business \$42 14	10266 00
Electric light and power taxes	49 00
	103 60

Accounts Receivable

Direct relief refund	75 08
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Fixed Assets

Buildings \$300 00. Fire and office equipment \$500 00	800 00
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Sundry Assets

Uncollected licenses	231 17
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Trust Assets Balances Dec. 31, 1933

Supp. revenue tax trust account cash on hand	50
	50

Uncollected Trust Taxes Dec. 31, 1933

Supplementary revenue taxes	733 51
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School arrears	5,388 84
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	6,122 35
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TOTAL	\$18,960 60
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Tax Statement

Municipal	Supp. Revenue	School Arr'ts Reported
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Assessed valuation for each tax (net)	\$14,679 09	\$161 35 00
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Rate of taxation [mills on the dollar]	18	5
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Current Taxes Levied [except school]	2068 82	67 92
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Uncollected Taxes December 31, 1933, inc. costs (or arrears reported)	8816 60	621 21
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Penalties and Costs added in 1933	805 77	62 38
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TOTAL DUE	\$11,781 19	\$751 51
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		\$5,752 68
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Collections in 1933, including costs	1,210 41	18 00
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		[6 23] by village [137 60] by School District
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Discounts on Taxes in 1933	33 61	
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Uncollected Taxes December 31, 1933	10,537 17	733 51
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Trust Taxes Collected but not paid [or overpaid] at Dec. 31, 1932	26 02	86 62
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Collected in 1933 [as above]	18 00	6 23
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TOTAL DUE [accounted for below]	44 02	92 85
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Paid in 1933 to Prov. Govt., School and Hospital Board	43 52	92 85
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Collected [or due on requisitions] by Village but not paid Dec. 31, 1933	50	
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Particulars of Assessment

Net Assessment as Per Tax Statement	\$114,879 00
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Number of lots or parcels under taxation	231
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Number of lots or parcels exempt from taxation	15
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Total number of lots or parcels in Village	246
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Estimated Population of Village	150
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TAX SALE STATEMENT--Date of Public Sale September 2, 1933. 22 lots offered but no bid.	
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